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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a retired consumer who lives on a fixed income. The internet and its infrastructure are products of the US governments; federal, state and local; who funded its invention and whose powers of eminent domain have subsidized its construction. Don't let these companies take advantage of what my taxpayer dollars have created!

A fast internet is critical to the US economy and jobs. If we want to stay competitive in a fast developing world, than we need all of our citizens to be connected -- and to support the small business that are the petri dishes of economic growth. It's no accident that the largest company in the world, Apple, started in a garage. Business like these cannot grow and develop without access to competitively priced internet. Big companies given monopoly powers will choke off this access.

I'm a consumer of Sonic in my main residence. I also have access to Suddenlink when we visit Truckee. I have no complaints with Sonic. The few times I've had connection problems, I was connected with a human to help me in five minutes. The situation is completely reversed with my internet connection to Suddenlink. It's a monopoly provider in the area. My connection is consistently slowed down and cut off. Access to technical support is an hour long ordeal. Clearly, a competitive market is a consumer friendly model.

Stop non-competitive rules and support net neutrality.

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